

### ***Remarks***

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Claims 28-83 are pending in the application, with claims 28, 46 and 66 being the independent claims. The Amendments to the Claims section is resubmitted solely to include a complete listing of all the claims, including cancelled claims 1-27 that were inadvertently omitted in the listing of the claims in the Amendment and Reply filed December 3, 2004. No further amendments have been made.

Based on the Amendment and Reply filed December 3, 2004 and the revised Amendments to the Claims section provided herein, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

### ***Conclusion***

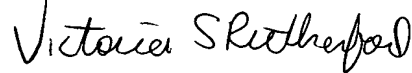
All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of the Amendment and Reply filed

December 3, 2004 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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